



Westford Recycling Guide

July 2012-June 2013

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Recycling is Easy....

- **No Sorting! Paper, glass bottles, plastic, cans, mail, newspaper all go in your bin or barrel together.**
- Place your recycling at the curb by 7 am on your scheduled pick up day. (See the calendar below.)
- Place your trash barrels on one side of the driveway, recycling on the other side.
- Any items that are not recyclable will be left behind with a reject sticker to explain why the items were not collected.
- You may use a trash barrel for recyclables, but must write "Recycling" on it or get a free "Recycle" sticker at the Town Clerk's office. Purchase additional recycling bins at the Town Clerk's Office for \$6. **To buy a 64 gallon wheeled toter, send a check for \$40 to the Town Hall, 55 Main Street, payable to "Westford Recycling Commission."**

2012-2013 Curbside Collection Calendar

Recycling collection is every other week on your trash day. See westfordma.gov/recycling for a street-by-street schedule. Holidays are circled; there is no collection on these days. Collections are delayed by one day following the holiday.

Problems with pickups? For recycling, call Integrated Paper (IPR), 781-933-3013.

For trash, call Acme Waste, 781-935-6339.

If your issue is not resolved within 24 business hours, call Town Manager's office at 978-692-5501.

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Special Collection Events (indicated by the symbol \triangle on the Calendar).

All events are held at the Highway Garage, 28 North Street, Westford.

September 22, 2012

Electronics Collection: 8am-2pm; please visit westfordma.gov/recycling for fees. CASH only.

October 20, 2012

Brush Chipping: 10:30am-4:30pm; \$10/load. CASH only.

November 3, 2012

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: 9am-1pm. See westfordma.gov/recycling for fees. CASH only.

April 6, 2013

Electronics Collection: 8am-2pm; please visit westfordma.gov/recycling for fees. CASH only.

April 27, 2013

Brush Chipping: 10:30am-4:30pm; \$10/load. CASH only.





June 22, 2013

Electronics Collection: 8am-2pm; please visit westfordma.gov/recycling for fees. CASH only.

Litter League Green Team - Residents partner with Highway Department for litter pickup. See westfordma.gov/recycling

What Can I Do With Other Materials?

The fees given are subject to change from the time of this publication. See websites or call for updates.

Appliances	<p>Washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, water heaters</p> <p>Atlas Recycling: Monthly pick-up. To arrange, contact Town Clerk: 978-692-5515. Also takes exercise equipment, swing sets; \$30 fee.</p> <p>We Get Rid Of It: 1-866-952-8400; wegetridofit.com; open 7 days/week; fee; Also curbside.</p> <p>Black and Blue Demo and Salvage, Inc.: 978-804-7240. Call M-F 6 am-6 pm; fee. Any item with metal parts accepted. Pickup service available, Senior Discounts.</p>
Batteries 	<p>Alkaline: Throw away in trash. Auto: Take to Autozone in Chelmsford or Lowell.</p> <p>Button: Collected at MacKay Hardware, Radio Shack, Ace Hardware, and Board of Health.</p> <p>Rechargeable (Nicad, NiMH, Laptop, Cell Phones, PDA's, etc.): Take to Staples, Best Buy or Radio Shack. Lithium: Save for Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Nov 3, 2012.</p>
Books	<p>Donate to Friends of the Library book sale – westfordlibraryfriends.org or drop off boxed items in self-serve Reading Tree container in Water Dept. parking lot, 63 Forge Village Road: readingtree.org.</p>
Brush, Branches & Yard Debris	<p><i>For Brush Chipping dates, see Special Collection Events.</i> Up to 3 inches diameter and 10 feet in length. No commercial quantities, land clearing debris (roots or bushes), building materials (fencing and boards), leaves, grass clippings or poison ivy; \$10/load.</p> <p>Community Tree Service: 163 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford; 978-256-0341. Clean brush any size - Fee. Open Mon-Fri: 7:30am-4pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, mid-April to late June; fee. Pick up available.</p> <p>Lawn Clippings (leaves, grass clippings, etc.): Drop-off at Eric's Garden Center (978-692-9019) or Jones Farm (978-256-8065). For curbside collection call Acme Waste (781-935-6339) or Red Wagon Landscaping (Leaf Vacuum Service; 978-250-9866). Fee for drop-off and collection.</p>
Christmas Trees 	<p>Collected by the Westford Firefighters Association for a \$10 donation. Watch for collection dates in early January. Call 978-392-0028 to arrange pickup. Put trees out at curb by 7am with all decorations removed and the payment check attached.</p>
Construction Materials and Household Fixtures	<p>Kitchen cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, tubs and enclosures, moldings, flooring, carpeting, light fixtures, doors, windows, sheet rock:</p> <p>Agratech, a Division of Deloury Industries: 978-475-8153; deloury.com. Asphalt, brick, and concrete only; drop-off fee in Andover or Dracut. No wood or other demolition debris.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity ReStore (habitat.org/restores)</p> <p>Westford Metals, 69 Broadway: 978-392-3251. Free dropoff of all types of metals, including appliances (Freon must be removed from refrigerators) and lawnmowers (with oil and gas drained). Pay for copper, aluminum, brass, bronze, stainless steel, etc. 7 am-3 pm M-F</p>
Electronics 	<p>Cameras, cell phones, copiers, printers, fax machines, TV's, VCR or DVD players, stereos, computers, monitors, GPS's, video game consoles, small plug-in electronics.</p> <p>Electronics collection three times a year. See Special Collection Events section.</p> <p>Most items accepted at Staples (staples.com), Best Buy (bestbuy.com), Radio Shack (radioshack.com), Office Depot (officedepot.com)</p> <p>Rewards, coupons, trade-ins or fees may apply - see store websites for details.</p> <p>Gazelle.com: sell or recycle your electronics gadgets.</p> <p>Atlas Recycling: Monthly pickup of TVs, \$30; contact Town Clerk at 978-692-5515.</p> <p>To donate computers: Visit westfordma.gov/recycling under <i>Computers, Monitors and Laptops.</i></p>
Lightbulbs	<p>CFLs: Collected at Ace Hardware or MacKay Hardware.</p>
Household Items and Furniture 	<p>Clothing, shoes, toys, small appliances. Pack in plastic bags. Please do not leave outside bins!</p> <p>Public Clothing Drop: Collection bins located at the Abbot School, Gulf at Minot's Corner, Concord Road at the Route 495 overpass, and Roudenbush at Nabnasset.</p> <p>Planet Aid: Collection bins located at Rite Aid, Carlisle Road.</p> <p>Big Brother Big Sister: 617-542-9090; bbbsmb.org. Call to schedule a pick up.</p> <p>Animal Control Dept.: 978-692-2161; In need of clean pillow cases, towels, animal cages & crates, stainless steel pet bowls. Take to 30 Beacon Street. (978) 692-4574</p> <p>Furniture: Household Goods Recycling of Mass (Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 9am-noon), hgrm.org 530 Main St., Acton; 978-635-1763; hgrm.org. Free drop off; fee for scheduled pick up. Mattresses too.</p> <p>Salvation Army: Arrange for free pick-ups; items must be clean and in good condition; 800-728-7825; use.salvationarmy.org.</p>



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Household Hazardous Waste	Minuteman Regional Facility: 60 Hartwell Ave. Lexington. Call Lexington Board of Health at 781-862-0500, for collection dates/fees for “non-participating” towns; ci.lexington.ma.us/DPW/hhhwfacility.cfm or save for Westford Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Nov. 3, 2012 9am-1pm Highway Garage. Clean Harbors: Multiple sites; cleanharbors.com ; fee.
Laser and Inkjet Cartridges	Cartridge World: 83 Parkhurst St.- Unit #16, Chelmsford; 978-735-4311. M-F 9am-6pm, Sat. 10am-4pm. Collection box at Roudenbush. Staples (staples.com), Best Buy (bestbuy.com), Radio Shack (radioshack.com), Office Depot (officedepot.com) See store websites for details & fees
Medications and Sharps	Sharps in containers accepted free at the Board of Health, Town Hall and at the Police Station kiosk. Watch the Westford Eagle for date of outdated medications collection.
Motor Oil	Westford Center Fire Station: Saturdays 8am-4pm; \$1 donation/gallon. Please bring exact change. Whitney's Service: 105-107 Main Street; 978-692-8278. Open Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm; \$1/gallon. Autozone: 57 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford; 978-453-2300. No fee, and you keep your container.
Paint	Oil Based: Save for <i>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</i> - Nov 3, 2012 or see <i>Hazardous Waste</i> , above. Latex: Not considered hazardous waste. Use kitty litter, crumpled newspapers, or paint hardener (available at a hardware store) to absorb liquid. Let it dry out completely and put in trash.
Propane Tanks	MacKay Hardware: 224 Littleton Road; 978-692-3346. M/T/Th/F 8am-5:30pm Wed/Sat 8:30am-5pm; \$5 fee. Ace Hardware: 527 Groton Road; 978-692-0774. M-F 8 am-7 pm, Sat. 8 am-5:30 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm
Thermometers/ Thermostats	Board of Health, Town Hall; 978-692-5509; Mon-Fri 8am-4pm (put in a baggie).
Tires	Liberty Tire Recycling, Willow Road, Ayer; 978-772-4251 (fee \$1.75 per tire). We Get Rid Of It: 866-952-8400; wegetridofit.com . Open 7 days/week. Fee.

Are You Composting Yet?









You may be a good recycler, but there's one more thing you can do. It isn't difficult, time-consuming or expensive – it's composting.

If all Westford households composted their food scraps, the town could save over 1100 tons of trash – that's a yearly savings of \$75,000 for our town.

Please consider buying an Earth Machine compost bin for your yard. The cost is \$45. Call 978-692-6986 to order yours.

What to Recycle:

Do Not Include:

 Plastic bottles	 All plastics 1-7. All soda, salad dressing, oil, milk, water, juice, and detergent bottles. Include caps. Other containers include margarine, butter, mayonnaise, dips, sour cream, flower pots.	Styrofoam (even if marked #6); plastic bags (including grocery store), toys and tools, plexiglass, or pieces of plastic. Check RefoamIt.com for collection dates in Westford and surrounding towns.
 Glass bottles & jars	All clean bottles and jars, clear or colored, deposit or non-deposit. Labels may be left on and metal caps may be included.	Broken glass, dishes, Pyrex, crystal, corks, lids, mirrors, window glass, or light bulbs.
 Steel cans	 Aluminium cans	Cans with any plastic parts, oil based paint cans, auto parts, scrap metal or propane cylinders.
 Paper & cardboard	Colored, school, fax, office and computer papers, newspaper, magazines, milk and juice cartons, cereal or food boxes, pizza boxes - remove food, stains OK - paperback & telephone books. “If it rips, recycle it!”	Wall paper or foil wrapping paper.
	Clean cardboard, mailing tubes, boxes, etc. Boxes must be broken down and larger pieces must be cut down to 3 ft. sections. Moving boxes that are in excellent condition for recycling or resale: Benezra Boxes: 781-646-8734; benezraboxes.com . Minimum of 30; no fee. Large quantities: rent a dumpster from Integrated Paper Recyclers 781-933-3013. (M-F: 7am-5pm)	 Artwork by Jonnie Walker-Rohs

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Do you “Upcycle” Your Chip Bags? Learn More at: sustainablewestford.org

Bulk Items

Any items set at curbside that are too large or heavy for your barrel (longer than 4 feet), and not usually found in your weekly trash **require a \$10 Bulk Item Sticker**. Examples include mattresses and/or boxsprings, chairs, couches, tables, bicycles, carpet, etc. Note that one mattress and one box spring require only one sticker. **This does not include appliances!** For those, check *What Can I Do With Other Materials*. All items must be flammable, as they are incinerated. You may purchase stickers at the following locations and place them directly on the item:

Tedeschi: 103 Main Street or 64 Brookside Road

Town Clerk: 978.692.5515

Market Basket: 160 Littleton Road

Towne Convenience: 221 Groton Rd.

Nab's One Stop Shop: 60 Brookside Road

Or write to the Town Clerk, 55 Main Street, Westford and include a check payable to the *Town of Westford* with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Compost Bins

By composting fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, and other compostable items, you reduce your trash...and your garden and the environment thank you! Thanks to a state grant, Earth Machine composters are available for \$45. Call 978-692-6986 to order a composter.

For More Information about Westford Recycling

Please refer to westfordma.gov/recycling or mass.gov/dep/recycle/index.htm. Announcements are made on the local cable channel, in the *Westford Eagle* and on westfordma.gov website.

General Recycling Questions

Call a **Westford Recycling Commission member** Monday-Saturday, 8am-5pm. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Joan: 978-392-5955

Barbara: 978-692-5177

Kris: 978-692-2887

Ellen: 978-692-2039

Alan: 978-692-1105

Charles: 617-251-7216

Sue: 978-692-1027

or Email recycling@westfordma.gov

Problems with Recycling Pickup:

Call **Integrated Paper Recyclers, LLC**
Monday-Friday 7am-5pm 781-933-3013
or email integratedpaper@verizon.net

Problems with Trash Pickup:

Call **ACME Waste Systems**
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm 781-935-6339



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